



## **British exchange officer earns award for research**

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**BROOKS AFB, Texas** — Wing Commander Roger Matthews recently earned the prestigious Richard Fox-Linton Memorial Prize for his pioneering work at Brooks AFB while assigned as a British exchange officer to the Air Force Research Laboratory Human Effectiveness Directorate.

Matthews, a career Royal Air Force medical officer, was recognized for his work on spatial disorientation research conducted during his tour with AFRL's Flight Stress Protection Branch. The annual Fox-Linton Memorial Prize is presented to the medical officer who has made the most significant contribution to aviation medicine or flight safety.

Matthews received the award in November in Great Britain. Royal Air Force Air Marshal Sir John Day, Air Member for Personnel, and Air Vice-Marshal Chris Sharples, Director of General Medical Services, presented the award. The honor includes an engraved silver salver and a cash award.

Matthew's work supported previous AFRL and U.S. Air Force School of Aviation Medicine research that focused on spatial disorientation countermeasures. Spatial disorientation involves a host of airborne illusions and effects that have led to many military and civil aviation mishaps. @